

It Is Finished

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Hebrews 7:11-28

The burden of sin is unbearable. Its weight, coupled with Old Testament sacrifices, would have been daunting. Picture a world where your repentance of sins forced you to take an animal and march it to the altar. The animals may have represented lies, lustful glances, or a dishonest business deal. The animals were innocent; you were guilty. The blood shed once you killed them on an altar of repentance would have covered your sin—until the next time you messed up.

This ritual may seem unnecessarily cruel; however, the animal was meant to be a substitute sacrifice for us—a sinner. It was only temporary and needed to be offered again and again. Jesus came to earth to be the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. When he cried out “It is finished,” forgiveness won out.

Jesus’ death and resurrection put an end to ritual sacrifice. We can now come to Him confident that confession of sins will result in forgiveness—once and for all.

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